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OF SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION

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Sir:

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The foreign documents cited on the Search Reports and listed in the table below are not in English, but applicants are providing what they believe to be an English language equivalent:

Foreign Application	English Equivalent
EP 771 799	US 5,861,396
WO 96/36625	US 5,902,824
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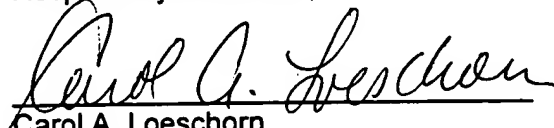
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Also, Applicants have included the English language abstract for German language DE 44 20 708, which is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

Also, Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention of British Application No. 9828340.1, filed December 22, 1998, copy of which enclosed. This British application is acknowledged in the Declaration of the instant case.

Respectfully submitted,


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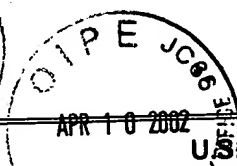
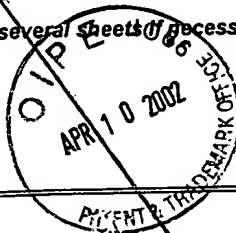
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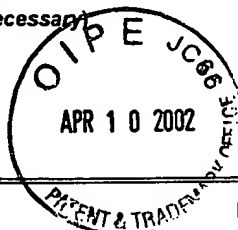
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